

**STATE OF VERMONT  
BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

In re: Stephanie H. Taylor, M.D.  
a/k/a Stephanie Taylor Tasi, M.D.

Docket No. MPS 45-0304  
MPS 48-0304

## **STIPULATION AND INTERIM CONSENT ORDER**

NOW COME Stephanie H. Taylor, M.D. (Respondent), and the State of Vermont,  
by and through Attorney General William H. Sorrell and Assistant Attorney General James  
S. Arisman, and agree and stipulate as follows:

1. Stephanie H. Taylor, M.D., a/k/a Stephanie Taylor Tasi, M.D., Respondent, holds license No. 042-0008406, first issued by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice on September 9, 1991. Respondent did not practice medicine between 1995 and the year 2000. Between July 24, 1995 and May 21, 2003 Respondent's Vermont medical license was suspended or in lapsed status. On May 21, 2003, Respondent's Vermont medical license was reinstated by the Board.

2. Jurisdiction in these matters vests with the Vermont board of Medical Practice pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1354, 1355-1357, 1361, 1365-1366, 1398 and 3 V.S.A. § 809-814.

## I. Background.

3. On November 7, 1996, the Board indefinitely suspended Respondent's medical license pursuant to a Stipulation and Consent Order signed by Respondent (hereinafter referred to as the November 7, 1996 consent order.)

## **II. Respondent's Medical Retraining.**

### **A. The Amended Order of June 7, 2000 by Vermont Board.**

4. On June 7, 2000, the Vermont Board approved an agreement (hereinafter referred to as the June 7, 2000 consent order) amending the November 7, 1996 Stipulation and Consent Order to permit Respondent to retrain in the family practice residency at the Tufts University school of medicine. Respondent's Vermont medical license, which had been suspended between 1995 and 2000, was amended to permit her to practice medicine, but only as a resident working within the Tufts family practice residency program.

### **B. Licensure and Training Requirements Imposed by Massachusetts.**

5. Respondent signed in July 2000 a consent order with the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine that would permit her to retrain and practice medicine in a family practice residency at Tufts University.

## **III. Suspension of Respondent's Medical License by Massachusetts.**

6. On February 18, 2004, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine suspended Respondent's medical license.<sup>1</sup>

7. On February 18, 2004, the Massachusetts Board suspended Respondent's medical license. However, Respondent never requested an appeal hearing to contest the suspension of her medical license.

8. Subsequently, Respondent failed to notify the Vermont Board of Medical

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1. The Massachusetts Board imposed the suspension by vacating its earlier stay of its July 2000 order of suspension of Respondent's medical license.

Practice that her medical license had been suspended by the Massachusetts Board.

**IV. Interim Agreement as to Respondent's Vermont Medical License.**

9. Respondent acknowledges that the Vermont Board of Medical Practice has initiated an investigation based on the suspension of Respondent's medical license on February 18, 2004 by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine.

10. The Board's investigation of these matters is ongoing. Respondent acknowledges that Board investigation of the allegations of each complaint is appropriate. Respondent wishes to cooperate with the Board of Medical Practice with regard to the above-captioned matters. Respondent recognizes the Board's obligation in all cases to investigate as required and to act expeditiously to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

11. No formal charges have been filed against Respondent by the Board while its investigation is underway. Thus, she enters here no response to any specific allegations that may be raised at a later date as to these matters. Respondent wishes to assist and cooperate with the Board's investigation and review of these matters. Therefore, Respondent has committed herself to take certain actions that will be consistent with the Board's statutory responsibilities.

12. Respondent expressly acknowledges that she has been informed that the State intends to file a Specification of Charges. Respondent acknowledges that no promises have been made to her regarding the final disposition of any matter. Respondent, knowingly and voluntarily, wishes to agree to the terms and conditions set forth below in recognition of the

responsibility of the Vermont Board of Medical Practice to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

**A. Acknowledgement.**

13. Respondent acknowledges here that she is voluntarily agreeing to this Stipulation and Interim Consent Order. She acknowledges that she has had advice of counsel in these matters and is satisfied with such advice and related representation. Respondent agrees and understands that by executing this document she is waiving at this time such rights as she may possess to be served with formal charges, to challenge the jurisdiction and continuing jurisdiction of the Board in this matter, and to a public hearing on any motion that the State might have filed seeking summary suspension of her license to practice medicine. See 3 V.S.A. §§ 809 & 814.

14. Respondent admits, here, that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Board of Registration in Medicine, suspended her license to practice medicine in that jurisdiction on or about February 18, 2004. Respondent enters no other admission here. Respondent agrees, for purposes of cooperating with the Board of Medical Practice, that in light of such suspension, the Board may enter the finding required under 3 V.S.A. § 814(c) and may enter an order summarily suspending her Vermont license to practice medicine pending further proceedings or order of the Board. And see Paragraph 15, immediately below, as to pertinent terms and conditions. WA

15. Respondent agrees, pending further proceedings or order of the Board of Medical Practice, pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1354, 1360, 1361 & 1398; 3 V.S.A. § 814(c) to:

- (a) cooperate fully and in good faith with all further investigation of these matters by the Board of Medical Practice; Respondent expressly agrees that she shall not

personally communicate orally or in writing with any practitioner involved in the the past or present treatment of Patients who shall be identified by name in separate correspondence; and if requested, Respondent agrees that she shall voluntarily cooperate fully and participate in good faith in those evaluations, assessments, collection and testing regimes that the Board may deem appropriate to its investigation and/or monitoring of compliance;

**~~Respondent shall bear any and all costs;~~**

- (b) Respondent agrees to sign such authorizations and/or waivers of confidentiality as may be presented to her by the Board as to her medical records, treatment records, test results, reports, written evaluations or assessments, compliance reports, or other relevant information;
- (c) cooperate fully with the Vermont Practitioner Health Program (VPH) of the Vermont Medical Society; and cooperate fully, promptly, and in good faith with any and all reasonable recommendations or suggestions that may result from her involvement in such program; **~~Respondent shall bear any and all costs;~~**
- (d) authorize the VPH Program to report immediately to the Board of Medical Practice any apparent **noncompliance** on her part with subsection (c), above;
- (e) authorize the VPH Program in writing to disclose to the Board of Medical any and all aspects of her compliance with subsection (c), above; and see subsection (b), above; Respondent agrees to sign such authorizations and/or waivers of confidentiality as may be presented to her by the Board and/or VPH as to any and all VPH records and information, including treatment records, test results in original form, reports, written evaluations or assessments, and other relevant information;
- (f) authorize the Vermont Board of Medical Practice in writing to disclose to the VPH program and/or other licensing agencies such information in its possession, in whole or in part, and as it may deem appropriate with regard to complaints and Respondent's compliance with past and present licensing agreements and VPH contracts; and see subsection (b), above; Respondent agrees to sign such authorizations and/or waivers of confidentiality as may be presented to her;
- (g) **~~cease and desist~~**, effective immediately, and when approved, pursuant to this interim order of the Board, from any and all practice of medicine, including all prescribing, regardless of location, for a period of at least 60 days following the Board's approval of this agreement; such period is to aid the Board's continued investigation and review of all facts and circumstances in this matter;
- (h) not to practice medicine or return to the practice of medicine without first

providing written notice to the Board and without the Board's formal approval of such intention and of Respondent's proposed work site; Respondent shall practice only in a structured group setting; Respondent further agrees that Paragraph 13C(1)-(21) of her November 7, 1996 Stipulation and Consent Order with the Board shall be incorporated herein by reference and made an integral part of this agreement and further agrees that she shall abide by these terms until she is relieved of the obligation to do so; Respondent agrees that any and all prescribing by her shall be prepared in triplicate form and retained or made available to the Board in such form or fashion as it may deem appropriate;

- (i) Respondent agrees that she shall treat or prescribe only for bona fide patients, as required by her Board-approved practice site; Respondent agrees that she shall not treat family members, relative, friends, or former members of her family under any circumstances;
- (j) before or upon expiration of the initial 60 day period, described above in subsection (g), above, the State may file a motion, if warranted by the facts, in its view, to continue the period during which Respondent shall cease and desist from the practice of medicine; and following expiration of the 60 day period, described above in subsection (g), Respondent may file a motion, if warranted by the facts, to end the period during which Respondent shall cease and desist from the practice of medicine; all other terms and conditions herein as to licensure and practice shall be retained until set aside by the Board; the Board shall promptly consider and promptly decide any such motion; in the interim Respondent shall continue to cease and desist from any and all practice of medicine until further order or action of the Board in this regard; and Respondent agrees that the Board shall retain sole discretion to approve or deny such motion following its review of the facts and circumstances before it;
- (k) adhere to all terms and conditions set forth above and herein until relieved of such obligation by further order of the Board; in lieu of such further order, Respondent may demand a prompt hearing on the merits of any allegations or charges that may be presented in this matter, as provided for in Paragraph 16 below. 11

16. The parties further agree that nothing contained herein shall limit the Board's authority to proceed in this matter, if deemed appropriate at a later date, pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1354, 1360, 1361 & 1398; 3 V.S.A. § 814(c); and other relevant authorities.

17. The parties agree that nothing contained herein shall limit Respondent's right

to seek at a later date prompt presentation of a formal specification of charges and to demand a prompt hearing on the merits regarding these charges, pursuant to 26 V.S.A. §§ 1354, 1360, 1361 & 1398; 3 V.S.A. § 814(c); and other relevant authorities. Respondent expressly agrees that no promises have been made to her as to final disposition of this matter.

18. The parties agree that this Stipulation and Interim Consent Order shall be a public document, shall be made part of Respondent's licensing file, and may be reported to other licensing authorities.

19. Nothing herein is intended to limit Respondent's right at a later date to demand and receive a formal specification of charges, and then file motions and pleadings, pursue discovery, to contest all charges against her, to present evidence or witnesses on her behalf, and to require proof as to any allegations against her in a hearing before the Board.

20. This Stipulation and Interim Consent Order is conditioned upon its acceptance by the Vermont Board of Medical Practice. If the Board rejects any part of this document, the entire agreement shall be considered void. If approved, Respondent agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Interim Consent Order pending further proceedings or order of the Board of Medical Practice. Respondent agrees that the Board of Medical Practice shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Interim Consent Order until it is modified or she is relieved of its terms and conditions. Respondent agrees that any failure by her to abide by any of the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Interim Consent Order may constitute unprofessional conduct under 26 V.S.A. § 1354(25) and may subject Respondent to such disciplinary action as the Board may deem appropriate.

21. The parties therefore jointly agree that should the terms and conditions of this Stipulation and Interim Consent Order be deemed acceptable by the Board of Medical Practice, the Board may issue such orders as to Respondent's license as deemed appropriate.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2004.

WILLIAM H. SORRELL  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

by:

James S. Arisman  
JAMES S. ARISMAN  
Assistant Attorney General

Dated at Stowe, Vermont, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2004.

Stephanie H. Taylor, M.D.  
STEPHANIE H. TAYLOR, M.D.  
a/k/a STEPHANIE TAYLOR TASI,

M.D.

Respondent

Dated at Stowe, Vermont, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June 2004.

Peter G. Anderson, Esq.  
PETER G. ANDERSON, ESQ.  
Counsel for Respondent



**FOREGOING, AS TO MEDICAL LICENSE OF  
STEPHANIE H. TAYLOR, M.D., APPROVED AND ORDERED  
VERMONT BOARD OF MEDICAL PRACTICE**

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**DATED:** June 1, 2004

**ENTERED AND EFFECTIVE:** June 1, 2004

JSA: TAYLOR INTERIM STIPULATION, 6/04 (NOT FULLY EFFECTIVE UNTIL APPROVED BY BOARD)